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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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109th plenary meeting

Approval of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/109) [17 (i)]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, appointed Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello (Brazil) as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for a term of office of four years beginning on 12 September 2002 and ending on 11 September 2006.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and the United States.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 102 directly in plenary meeting and agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): note by the Secretary-General (A/56/111) [102]

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, elected Ms. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka (United Republic of Tanzania) as Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for a four-year term of office, beginning on 1 September 2002 and ending on 31 August 2006.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and Kenya.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 102.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 119 directly in plenary meeting and agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 2002/141 (Part II)).

Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

(a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.82)

(b) Draft decision (A/56/L.83)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 119.

The representative of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.82.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.82.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft decision A/56/L.83.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.82 (resolution 56/510).

The Assembly also adopted draft decision A/56/L.83.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 119.

